

SENATE'S DEADLOCK MAY NOT BE BROKEN

Faction Leaders Show Disposition to Get Together.

MANY CONFERENCES HELD

Suggestions Made and Accepted on Both Sides Believed to Promise Eventual Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Efforts to break the senate peace treaty deadlock and keep the treaty out of the political campaign were advanced a step today when republican senators advocating ratification drew up a counter proposal to the set of compromise reservations submitted to the senate in the week by a group of democrats.

The republican proposal, to which the sponsors said Senator Lodge had given tentative assent, was understood to deal only with some of the collateral issues in the reservation controversy, leaving to future negotiations the troublesome questions of article 10 and equality of voting power in the league of nations.

Some of the democratic suggestions were said to have been accepted, including a change in the method of reservation programme of last session, so that the senate qualifications would not have to be accepted affirmatively by the other powers. Agreement on these changes, however, was understood to be conditional on certain concessions by democrats in regard to other reservations.

Lodge Shows Willingness. The counter-proposal was drafted by mild reservationists and submitted to Senator Lodge before being laid before the democrats. Senators of this group said afterward that Mr. Lodge showed willingness to have the negotiations proceed.

As a result, both the mild group and the democrats declared progress had been made. Many of them predicted also that when the time came the big stumbling blocks of article 10 and voting equality also could be removed and ratification obtained.

Submission of the counter proposal to the democrats came after the senate adjourned at the end of a day which had kept the chamber and cloak rooms alive with treaty talk. Not once was the subject mentioned on the floor, but it was the subject of many private conferences among senators on both sides.

Outlook More Hopeful. Among these conferences was a talk between Senator Lodge and Senator Underwood of Alabama, a democrat, who has taken a prominent part in urging a speedy compromise.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska conferred with several of the mild reservation republicans. After their talk with Senator Lodge the three mild reservationists who presented the counter proposal also appeared satisfied with the result. Senators McNary of Oregon and Colt of Rhode Island declared the situation was improving constantly and said they were very hopeful of ratification. Senator Leonard of Wisconsin, another conferee, described the prospect as "not entirely hopeless."

HARDWARE MEN TO MEET

CONVENTION IN PORTLAND TO OPEN JANUARY 7.

Curtis M. Johnson of Minnesota Will Address Session of Oregon Dealers.

The 14th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers will convene in Portland, January 27, 28, 29 and 30, at the Imperial hotel. The indications are that record will be established in attendance, as reservations at local hotels have begun.

The programme will contain the name of Curtis M. Johnson, Rush City, Minn., an ex-president of the National Federation of Implement & Vehicle Dealers associations, and member of the Minnesota state fair board. As a convention speaker, Mr. Johnson has been in demand from New York to the Pacific coast and from his home state to Texas. In the cost accounting field, he is unequaled and his new illustrated book "The Road to Happiness" is one of his very best.

W. W. Cooley, western advertising representative of the Burroughs Adding Machine company, San Francisco, during his present 30-day tour, will address business organizations throughout the northwest on such topics as advertising, commodity advertising, profits, gross and net, purchasing properly, profit's perpetual problems, etc.

Portland jobbers and manufacturers met at the Commercial club Thursday and the following were appointed to arrange entertainment for the visiting dealers while in the city. John G. Greener, E. C. Ward, W. E. Ester, W. O. Milligan, Otto Cook, E. Connor, George Young, W. E. Munsell.

HONOR AWAITS YOUNGSTER

Some Little Girl to Present Bouquet to General Pershing.

Some little girl in Portland is going to have the honor of presenting General Pershing a bouquet of flowers who will it be? That is what the local chapter of the American Legion is wondering, for upon the chapter has devolved the task of picking the little girl to represent Portland in presenting a Portland rose tribune to the leader of the American expeditionary forces in France.

At the programme planned for the reception of General Pershing in the auditorium next Sunday evening a feature will be the presentation of the bouquet, and the committee has asked the local chapter of the legion to select the youthful donor. A little girl 3 or 4 years of age, preferably the daughter of a soldier who gave his life in France, it is hoped, will be accorded the honor, and the legion has asked that persons interested suggest names to officials at Liberty temple.

Men Arrested With Girls.

Andrew W. Lentz and Paul Holmes, both of The Dalles, were arrested yesterday by Patrolmen Drennen and Nelson and were being held for investigation. The men were in company with Miss Bertha Shearer and Miss Mary Jane Wiley, one 15 and the other 13, both of whom were reported missing from their homes in The Dalles. Lentz and Holmes are farmers.

WILSON AND SENATE ALIKE RAPPED BY EASTERN PRESS

Neither President Nor Senator Lodge Irresistible, Says New York World. White House Ultimatum Hallucination, Says Philadelphia Press.

REPUBLICAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 10.—Eastern newspapers make but little editorial comment on the political effect of the Wilson-Bryan break. Most of them accepting the split in the party as an actuality, they proceeded to discuss mainly the effect upon the treaty.

Democratic newspapers generally take the side of Mr. Wilson, except the Brooklyn Eagle, which runs an editorial under the heading, "Bryan is Right." The New York Times takes very nearly the Bryan position without giving Mr. Bryan any credit for being in such perfect agreement with his ideas.

Republican newspapers assume that the split in the democratic party precipitated by Mr. Bryan has come to stay for this campaign. The New York World, leading administration paper, studiously avoids discussing the subject editorially, but in its split, but permits its Washington writer to say of Mr. Bryan on the first page:

"A diagnosis of his presence and utterances here indicates a desire on his part to play an important part as possible in the next national convention. Furthermore, Bryan has gone west to segregate for himself a bunch of delegates that will be under his domination at San Francisco. It is not essential that these be pledged to support him for the nomination, but he will feel that he has a strong possibility in his vest pocket to throw in the direction of whichever candidate eventually attracts his fancy."

Letters Called "Excessive." Referring to Mr. Wilson's letter on the treaty to the World says editorially that "the president is talking nonsense" in mentioning a referendum.

To gauge the sentiment among democratic party leaders—and almost every democrat in Washington—his letter to the World was not unexpected, because they are afraid to talk. The day before the Jackson-day banquet their frame of mind had changed from one of depression to confidence and hope. The men and women who came in from the states were thinking of a devolved upon them to make a good report or none at all, brought the word that things were "looking up."

The result was the party leader here grew cheerful and saw hope of victory next fall. He felt well toward all the world, and discussed Bryan as one of the presidential possibilities. With friendly and impartiality, yesterday and today, this leader and the other one is surrounded by a different atmosphere. He is either indignant at Mr. Bryan or keeping still. All of that good cheer and cocksureness which had been the democratic conversation up to the banquet hour have disappeared.

Around the Shoreham hotel, where many of the party leaders still remained today, it was impossible to find anyone who would talk of bright prospects. Some, however, did talk frankly on the understanding that they would not be quoted. A national economist from a middle western state said that the democratic party was split as wide open as in 1898, but he continued:

Third Party Idea Scouted. "It is not the same kind of a split. There will be no third party. To talk about Bryan leading another party if he loses at the convention is all but a joke. He will do as he did in 1904 when he was nominated. He will save Parker and himself from conviction and rail until he has convinced the party and its candidate of every crime imaginable and alleged a lot of democrats, then he will line up and be regular. The harm will be done then."

The split will simply be that many democrats will quietly vote the republican ticket in protest against all the evil in the democratic party that Mr. Bryan has picked up and making a selfish campaign in his own interest.

But this democrat was in a particularly ugly mood because he had been talking with a little group of democrats who were so radical that they called themselves "socialists." Press Denounces Attitude. The effect of the president's letter which was most noticeable was that practically all of the republican and independent press which has supported him so loyally in his fight for the league of nations denounced his uncompromising attitude today.

Eastern press comments on the Jackson day banquet and the consequent plight of the peace treaty follow: New York World (democrat)—Ratify the treaty. The treaty of peace is not a personal issue between President Wilson and Senator Lodge, nor is the covenant of the league of nations a personal issue between these two eminent scholars in politics. There are 100,000,000 other Americans who have a direct stake in this controversy, and there are hundreds of millions of people in other countries whose interest is no less important.

President Wilson's letter to the Jackson day dinner of the democratic leaders is immediately followed by an expression of defiance from Senator Lodge. The president showed disposition whatever to compromise.

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campaign a personal one—a question of the president's own vindication and makes it impossible for any other man to stand on that platform.

Pittsburgh Press (rep.)—The chief value of the Jackson day banquet in Washington last night was the incontrovertible proof it afforded of a serious split in the democratic party. The moral effect of Mr. Wilson's appeal for a popular referendum which, to say the least, have been much more forcible if he had proposed it earlier.

Chicago Tribune (dem.)—The Jackson day celebration at Washington was not lacking in fireworks, but the predicted explosions did not occur. Those who have been praying that the democratic party would go to pieces as badly as the G. O. P. have done were disappointed.

Boston Transcript (ind-rep.)—If the senate's minority reject the advice of Mr. Bryan at the Jackson day banquet, bow to the ultimatum of Mr. Wilson and refuse to acquiesce in the senate's reservations, then the challenge of the president to the people stands, and the people will decide at the polls next November.

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Philadelphia Record (dem.)—We shall be greatly surprised if a vigorous campaign is not conducted against the president's stand on high principles to these foolish propositions of the executive. Between 1896 and 1920 Mr. Bryan has not grown to that political stature and statesmanship made possible by his many opportunities.

New York Tribune (rep.)—The Jackson-day letter, therefore, comes very close to committing the president to a third successive candidacy. It does not renounce the mantle of leadership. It tends, on the contrary, to bring about a situation in which the mantle cannot be passed along.

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Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph (republican)—How Bryan's opposition to carrying the fight into the national election is based on practical political considerations is equivalent to an announcement of his candidacy.

Springfield (Mass.) Union (rep.)—Between the president's obstinate and futile stand on the strict letter of the treaty as presented to the senate and the length of being willing to carry the controversy into the presidential campaign, the choice is clear. Mr. Bryan, there is the difference between the self-centered, single-track mind, unwilling to deviate from its position, and the alert and discerning publicist who addresses himself, not to an academic formula merely but to the logic and psychology of an existing situation.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican (rep.)—The impression will be strengthened by the president's letter to the Jackson day banquet and by the resolutions unanimously adopted by the democratic national committee that the peace treaty has gone over the Niagara of politics and is already in the whirlpool of the presidential struggle for control of the United States government. This result, if beyond modification or repair, is deplorable.

Pittsburgh Post (dem.)—The republican leadership of the senate has been placed squarely on the defensive. While no objection was shown to reservations of an interpretative nature, it was made plain that the democratic party is behind Wilson in the fight against any tampering that would defeat the plan to prevent war.

Pittsburgh Sun (dem.)—The president would throw down the gage of battle to the blind men who have obstructed world concord. He believes that recording of the popular will through such a universal referendum is of greater advantage to the country in the final analysis than any good to be gained by expedient compromise.

Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph (rep.)—Mr. Bryan's opposition to carrying the fight into the national election is based on practical political considerations. He knows and does not hesitate to say that the democratic senators are coming in for their share of blame for holding up the treaty.

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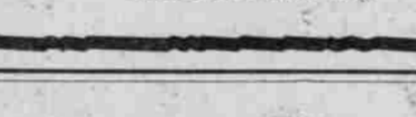


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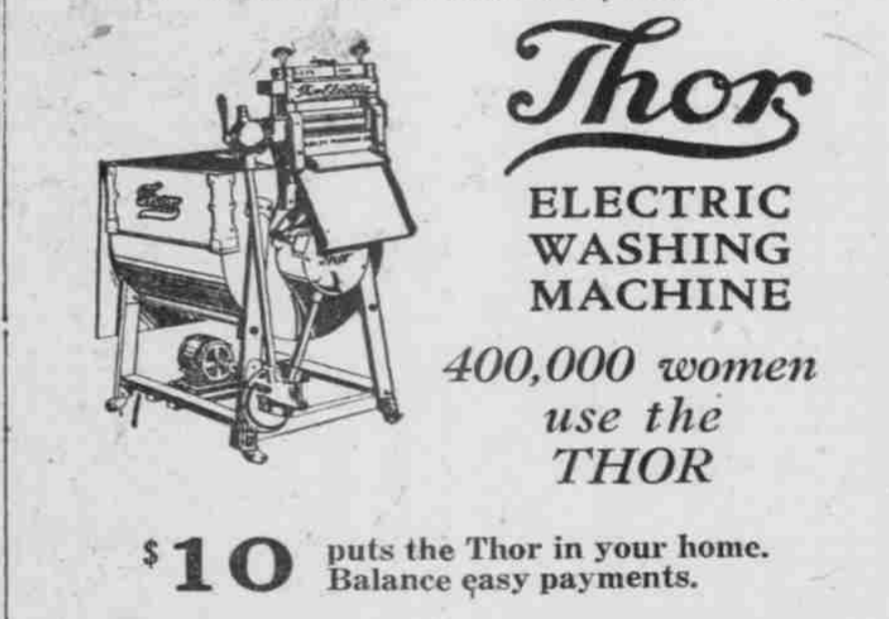
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